

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Yusuke Kato et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1793
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Application No.: 10/590,354	)	Examiner: John A. Hevey
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Filed: August 23, 2006	)	
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For: Process for Producing Cast Item	)	Confirmation No.: 8168

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 16, 2009, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.